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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

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SUBJ: LEBANON AND ARAB DEFENSE COUNCIL

1. LEBANESE COUNSELOR ZEIDAN, WHO ATTENDED PART OF ARAB DEFENSE COUNCIL(ADC) SESSION , TOLD EMBOFF JULY 8 THAT A MAIN THEME OF GOL PRESENTATION HAD BEEN THAT LEBANON AND NO OTHER STATE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING LEBANESE TERRITORITY AND THOSE LIVING ON SOVEREIGN

LEBANESE SOIL; JOINT ARAB DEFENSE PLAN FOR LEBANON IS OUT OF QUESTION.

KUWAIT, HE ADDED, SHOULD HAVE CONSULTED WITH BEIRUT BEFORE CALLING FOR EMERGENCY ADC. LEBANON WILL NOT ACCEPT OFFERS OF PERSONNEL AND AIRCRAFT, BUT DOES NEED EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT LEBANESE AND PALESTINIANS

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LIVING IN LEBANON. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE AT ADC, HE SAID, CONCERNING HOW THIS EQUIPMENT WAS TO BE ACQUIRED; IT WAS LEFT THAT GOL WOULD PURSUE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. EMBTIF ASKED ABOUT KUWAIT POSITON. ZAYDAN REPLIED KUWAITIS HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH PALESTINIAN INFLUENCE IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY, IMPLYING IT IS HARD TO GET OVER TO THEM THAT GOL ALONE, WITHOUR PARTICIPATION OF PLO, WILL MAKE HARD FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS.

2. EMBOFF, WHO HAS KNOWN ZEIDAN SINCE 1966, HAS NEVER SEEN HIM SO EXERCISED. YOUNG LEBANESE LIKE MYSELF, HE SAID, ARE FOR THE FIRST TIME

BECOMING EAGER TO FIGHT THESE PEOPLE WHO MAKE FREE WITH OUR LAND, OUR DIGNITY, AND OUR HONOR. IF WE MUST TURN LEBANON INTO AN ARMED STATE, WE SHALL DO SO, NO MATTER HOW LONG IT MAY REQUIRE. SINCE THE ISRAELIS SURELY REALIZE THIS, HE SAID, WHY ARE THEY CREATING FOR THEMSELVES A NEW ENEMY. EILTS

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